

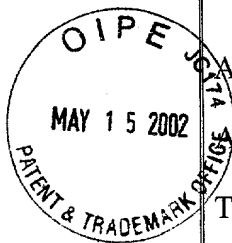
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Examiner: Unknown Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Docket No.: M-12018 US

Newport Beach, California  
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Attention: Customer Service Center  
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Response To Notice To File Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date Granted" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 19, 2002, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;
2. Copy of Notice to Corrected Application Papers - Filing Date Granted;
3. Submission of Formal Drawings Letter; and
4. Substitute Drawings (3 sheets).

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It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above patent application. Please telephone the undersigned at (949) 718-5200, if there are any questions.

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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) submit(s) three (3) sheets of formal drawings, consisting of Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G, in the above-named application. If there are any questions regarding these drawings, please call the undersigned at (949) 718-5200.

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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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